

Massing and composition diagrams

HISTORY & CHARACTER

The first page of every architectural style section begins with a brief description of the style and its history. Photos of relevant examples of the style in Norfolk have been documented and are shown along with the essential qualities of each style. A partial elevation drawing and measured cross section relay the critical vertical dimensions and elements of the facade.

MASSING & COMPOSITION

This page describes the basic massing types or shapes of houses found in the Norfolk precedents for each architectural style. Each massing type is shown as a three-dimensional image with a corresponding elevation diagram showing potential additions. The layout of rooms should be designed to fit into the massing types found within the particular style you are designing. The roof types are part of this overall massing description.

WINDOWS & DOORS

The window and door spacing is related to both the shape and the style of the house. Typical window and door compositions are illustrated as part of the massing illustrations for each style. Typical window and door proportions, trim details and special window or door elements are illustrated on a separate page within each section.

PORCHES & CHIMNEYS

Porches are essential elements of the character of many Norfolk neighborhoods. The location and design elements of porches are covered on this page. The massing of the front porch is specific to each house type and distinct within a particular style.

Chimneys are a key element in the composition of the elevation for some of the styles. Massing and details such as chimney caps are outlined on this page.

MATERIALS & APPLICATIONS

This page of each style section in the Architectural Patterns includes a list of acceptable materials and their application. Also included on this page are handdrawn elevation "possibilities" composed using elements described in the Pattern Book to illustrate the end result achieved if one follows the guidelines of the Pattern Book.

GALLERY OF EXAMPLES

This last page of each style section contains both a collection of photos of Norfolk houses in that style as well as detail photos of porches, doors and windows.

STEP 6: Review the Material Manufacturers List in the Appendix

Please review the list of material manufacturers for items such as doors, windows, columns, and moldings. Keyed to the appropriate architectural style, the list

can serve as a reference or resource when searching for the appropriate building supplies from local sources.

STEP 7: Review the Resources List in the Appendix

For those who are interested in learning more about Norfolk's residential architecture, architectural styles in general, Norfolk's history, or available resources from the City of Norfolk, this list provides a handy reference.

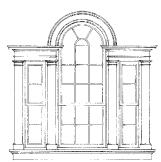




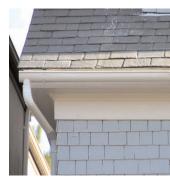
Style examples



Identifying or selecting a porch



Identifying or selecting a window



Material options example

